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BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA
OTPOR, USSR
TRANSBAIKAL MD

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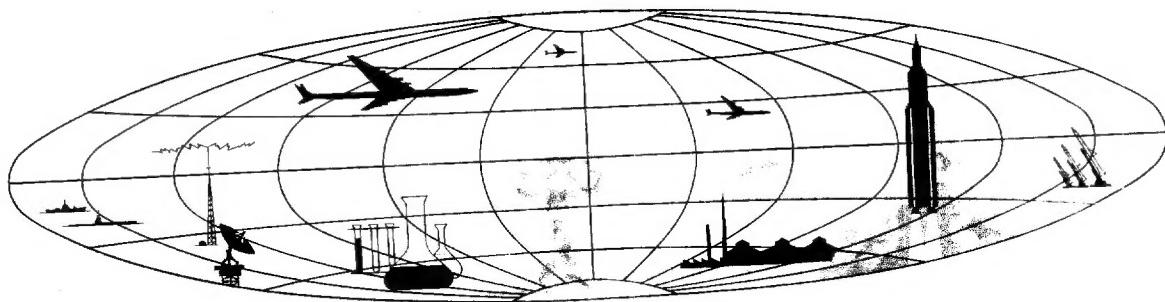
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA

(49-38N 117-19E)

OTPOR, CHITA OBLAST, USSR

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AL No: None

COMOR No: None

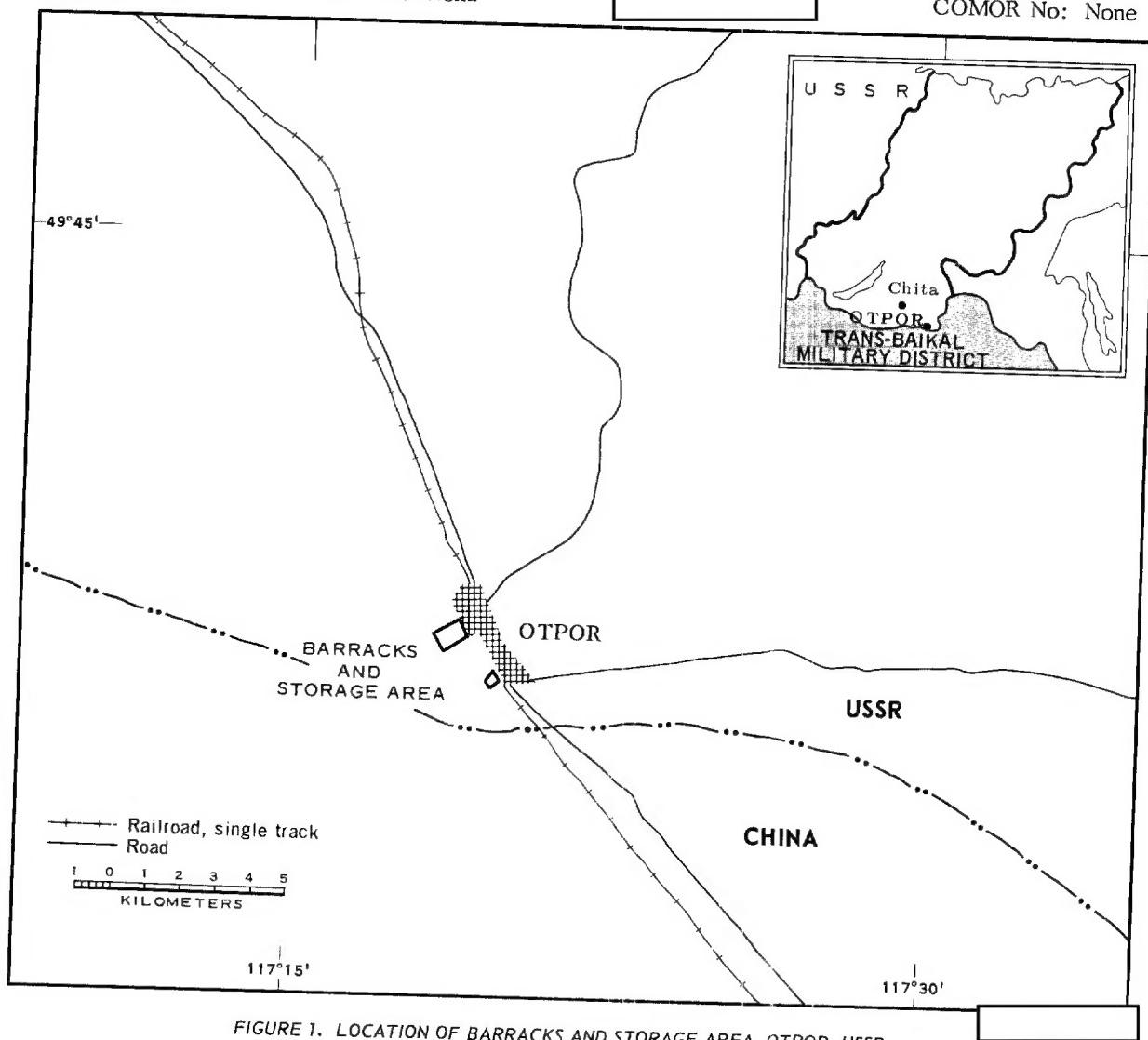


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA, OTPOR, USSR.

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SUMMARY

This barracks and storage area is located 103 kilometers (km) southeast of Borzya (50-23N 116-31E) on the Sino-Soviet border and at the crossing point of the Trans-Siberian railroad. The town of Otpor acts as a trans-loading point between the Russian broad gauge and the Chinese rail system. Besides extensive rail facilities, the town is served by a probable hard surface, all-weather road to points north and south.

Two military elements are identified in Otpor. A secured probable border detachment garrison is located on the southwest edge of the town. The installation covers approximately 25 acres and contains 6 large administration/barracks buildings and 9 support buildings.

A rail-served, secured POL storage and support area is located on the west edge of the town. It contains 8 large, buried POL tanks, 5 revetted storage buildings, 4 administration/barracks buildings, and 40 support buildings. A probable small arms firing range is located immediately outside this installation.

Whether billeting facilities in the town of Otpor, east of the rail line, are used for military housing cannot be confirmed from aerial photography. No training activity has been observed in this area to date. Comparative photographic coverage from [redacted]

[redacted] indicates no apparent change in either physical facilities or level of activity.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

One through-track and an undetermined number of trackside and rail-end loading docks support the transloading area. There are two sidings, one entering the POL area, the other entering the associated administration/barracks area.

Road Service

A probable all-weather, hard surface highway leads to the border and points north. Improved secondary roads and trails serve the installation.

Aircraft Landing Strips

There are no air facilities serving this installation. The nearest supported facility is at Borzya, 103 km northwest.

Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1, road-served and secured, contains six administration/barracks and nine support buildings, and is connected by improved trails to the border trace.

Area D2, road- and rail-served, contains four administration/barracks and 27 support buildings, with a secondary road connection to Area D1.

General Storage Area

The probable general storage area consists of an undetermined number of support buildings with no specific, associated military storage facilities identified. Extensive general storage is associated with the rail facilities.

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FIGURE 2. BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA, OTPOR, USSR,

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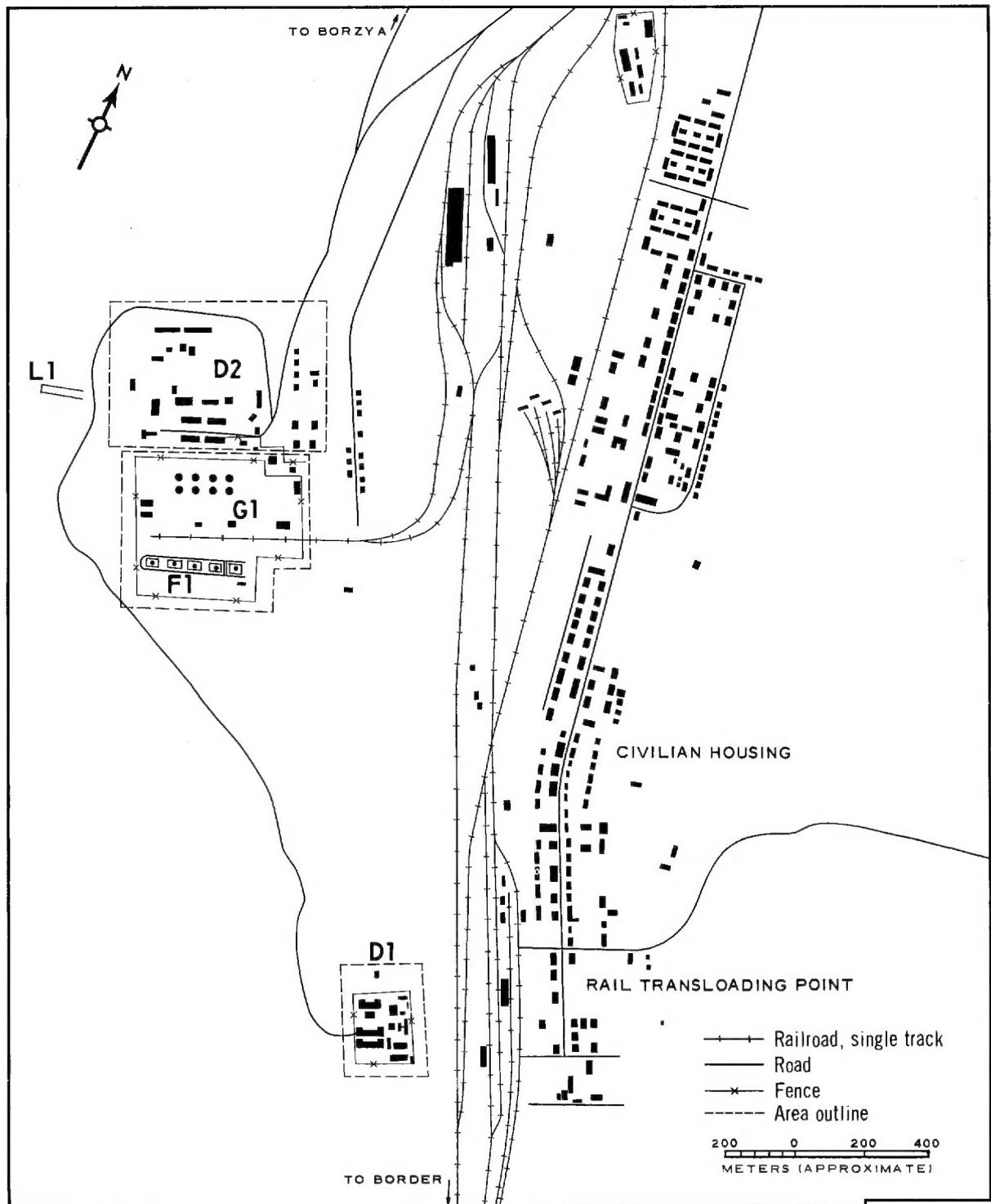


FIGURE 3. BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA, OTPOR, USSR. Sketch compiled from [redacted]

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Ammunition Storage Area

Area F1, a rail-served probable explosives or munitions storage area, contains one support building and five 50- by 60-foot revetted buildings in a fenced or low-walled area, 80 by 100 feet, with an extensive firebreak.

POL Storage Area

Area G1 is rail served and contains eight 75-foot diameter buried tanks with domes above surface and eight storage/support buildings.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

The installation apparently does not support mechanized deployment. POL facilities appear to be a regional storage depot rather than for immediate local consumption.

Small Arms Firing Ranges

Area L1 is a 350- by 50-foot small arms firing range in moderate but consistent use.

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